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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Soon D. Hyun

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE ____ MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 December 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5, 8-13 and 16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 6, 7, 14 and 15 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-5 and 9-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ejzak (U.S. Patent No. 6,389,066).

Regarding claims 1 and 9, Ejzak discloses a fixed wireless access network comprising a plurality of base stations (26 in FIG. 3) for bidirectional time division communication with wireless access devices (38 in FIG. 3), a radio frequency (RF) modem shelf comprising:

a first R-F modem (60 and 78 in FIG. 3) communicating with a plurality of the wireless access devices using RLP frames (each RLP frame could be a TDD frame, because GSM protocol uses TDD frames, col. 5, lines 16-17), each RLP frame having an uplink for receiving data and a downlink for transmitting data; and

a modulation controller (60) associated with the RF modem shelf determining an optimum modulation configuration for each of the plurality of wireless access devices

communicating with the first RF modem, wherein the modulation controller causes the first RF modem to transmit downlink data to a first wireless access device in a first data block having a first optimum modulation configuration and to transmit downlink data to a second wireless access device in a second data block having a different second optimum modulation configuration (col. 4, line 43-col. 5, line 19).

Regarding claims 2 and 10, Ejzak further discloses that the modulation controller determines the first and second optimum modulation configurations based on channel conditions associated with channels used to communicate with the first and second wireless access devices (col. 3, lines 39-52).

Regarding claims 3 and 11, Ejzak further discloses that the first modulation configuration comprises a first modulation format and the second modulation configuration comprises a second modulation format (col. 7, lines 41-67).

Regarding claims 4 and 12, Ejzak further discloses that the second modulation format is more complex than the first modulation format if channel conditions associated with a first channel used to communicate with the first wireless access device are noisier than channel conditions associated with a second channel used to communicate with the second wireless access device (col. 8, lines 7-58).

Regarding claims 5 and 13, the first and second modulation formats comprise binary phase shift keying (BPSK), see col. 6, lines 41-52.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 8 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ejzak (U.S. Patent No. 6,89,066).

Ejzak does not explicitly teach that a first physical beam forming for the first modulation and a second physical beam forming for the second modulation. It would have obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art using different sector antenna for different mobile units locating at the different areas to minimize multi-path fading.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 6, 7, 14, and 15 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior of record fails to teach that the first modulation comprises a first error correction code level and the second modulation comprises a second forward error correction code level as recited in claims 6 and 14.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably


accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Soon D. Hyun whose telephone number is 571-272-3121. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chau T. Nguyen can be reached on 571-272-3126. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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